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In response to the Office Action mailed 2005 April 7, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS – General

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being 'anticipated by Iihoshi et al (US 6,032,097).

Applicant's invention could not have been anticipated by the patent of Iihoshi for the following reasons:

Every element set forth in applicant's claim(s) is not described, either expressly or inherently in the patent by Iihoshi et al. Specifically, applicant's invention — as defined in claim 12 (c) — includes "a CPU controllable luminous display, mounted integrally with said host vehicle, ... positioned to be visible to the driver of a vehicle trailing said host vehicle...". The patent of Iihoshi et al incorporates a luminous display, but it is a display (module 4) to be viewed by the driver of the host vehicle — not the